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LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION WORK

Four counties in Kansas have developed plans for improving the dairy stock of the counties in a most interesting way. The plan is based on what might be termed "the Pettis-County (Missouri) idea", similar work having been in progress in that county for two years. The counties of Bourbon, Lyon, Franklin, and Sedgwick in Kansas have each effected organizations with a capital averaging around \$30,000 for the purchase of pure bred dairy cattle. The dairy cattle that are purchased are divided among the farmers in the county, each farmer getting at least three and not more than five head, provided he owns stock in the association to the value of \$100 for each cow the association furnishes him. It is further agreed that this farmer is to keep these cows for five years; that he is to feed them; care for them; to have their milk products, and that the off-spring are to be divided equally between the association and himself, the association retaining the ownership of the original animals. At the end of five years a sale is conducted and the original cow and the offspring are sold.

These associations are organized through the efforts of the farm bureau, considerable of the detail work being done by the county agents. The association in Pettis County, Missouri, appears to be in a most prosperous condition and the farmer neighbors as well as the livestock association appear to be satisfied with the plan thus far.

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